

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Forest Department - Diversion of 2.911 Ha. of forest land for grant of Quarry lease for road metal in Compt.No.313, Gulamaliabad South Reserve Forest of Dhone Range, Kurnool Division & District, in favour of M/s. D. Sivasankar Reddy - Permission accorded - Orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O Ms. No. 83

Dated:31-10-2012

Read the following:-

1. From PCCF, A.P, Hyderabad, Lr.Rc.No.52766/2009-F2, dt.20.05.2010.
2. State Govt. Lr.No.4227/For.I (1)/2010, dt:02.07.2010.
3. From GOI, MoEF, Bglr.. Lr.No.4-APB717/2010-BAN/9295, dt:05-07-2011.
4. State Govt. letter No. 4227/FOR.I (1)/2010, dt.06-07-2012
5. From GOI, MoEF, Bglr.. Lr.No.4-APB717/2010-BAN/1944, dt:3-10-2012.

ORDER:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad in his letter 1st read above, has submitted a proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 2.911 Ha. of forest land for grant of Quarry lease for road metal in Compt.No.313, Gulamaliabad South Reserve Forest of Dhone Range, Kurnool Division & District, in favour of M/s. D. Sivasankar Reddy, and requested to forward the same to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, for according necessary approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. The said proposal was sent to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, for their approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 vide State Government letter 2nd read above.

3. Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, vide their letter 3rd read above, have accorded their approval in-principle (Stage.I) under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for the proposal, for a period of 10 years, subject to compliance of certain conditions as stipulated therein. The State Government vide letter 4th read above, have furnished compliance report on the conditions stipulated by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests. The State Government vide further letter dated.18-8-2012 have furnished certain additional information as desired by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests.

4. Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, in their letter 5th read above, have accorded their approval (Stage.II) under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 2.911 Ha. of forest land for grant of Quarry lease for road metal in Compt.No.313, Gulamaliabad South Reserve Forest of Dhone Range, Kurnool Division & District, in favour of M/s. D. Sivasankar Reddy, for a period of 10 years, subject to compliance of certain conditions as stipulated therein.

5. Government after careful examination of the proposal, hereby accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, for diversion of 2.911 Ha. of forest land for grant of Quarry lease for road metal in Compt.No.313, Gulamaliabad South Reserve Forest of Dhone Range, Kurnool Division & District, in favour of M/s. D. Sivasankar Reddy, for a period of 10 years, subject to the following conditions.

- (i) The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.

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- (ii) The demarcation of the forest area proposed for diversion shall be carried out by erecting cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of User Agency.
- (iii) The compensatory afforestation shall be raised over 2.911 ha. of identified non-forest land in Sy.Nos.557,558,644 & 890 of Nereducherla & Racherla Villages of Peapully Mandal at the cost of User Agency. The State Government shall obtain prior permission of Central Government for change of location and schedule of compensatory afforestation site, if any.
- (iv) The non-forest land for compensatory afforestation shall be notified by the State Government as PF / RF under Indian Forest Act, 1927 or the State Forest Act and Nodal Officer (FCA) shall report the compliance within six months.
- (v) The State Government shall maintain area upto 7.5 meters as safety zone area all along the boundary, as per the guidelines issued under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 at the cost of User Agency. The State Government shall also raise and maintain the plantation over an area, one and half times of the extent of the safety zone in degraded forest land elsewhere at the project cost.
- (vi) Adequate care shall be taken to check any rolling of over-burdens / dumps beyond diverted area and also to check soil erosion due to mining activities.
- (vii) The quarrying shall be carried out by providing benches to avoid steep slopes.
- (viii) The forest area shall be used for the purpose of mining, storage of materials and OB dumps only. No permanent buildings or labour sheds shall be constructed in the leased area.
- (ix) Reclamation plan shall be implemented by User Agency from the very first year of mining and an annual report shall be sent to the Nodal Officer, Andhra Pradesh and the Regional Office, Bangalore.
- (x) The consent of Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board (APPCB) shall be obtained under Air and Water Act before commencement of mining operation and it shall be renewed annually.
- (xi) Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency and deposited either in SB A/c No. SB01025198-CAF Andhra Pradesh, Corporation Bank, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003 (RTGS/IFSC No. CORP0000371) or in SB A/c No. 344902010105 407- ANDHRA PRADESH CAMPA, Union Bank of India, Sundar Nagar, New Delhi – 110003 (RTGS/IFSC No.UBIN0534498).
- (xii) User Agency shall obtain environmental clearance under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

- (xiii) A comprehensive monitoring shall be done at the end of five years to study the impact of mining on the surrounding flora and fauna and its watershed. If it is found that the lessee has violated or is not complying with the stipulated conditions, then the approval given under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 shall be revoked.
- (xiv) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 2.911 ha. Handing and taking over of land and commencement of work in the land shall be done within a period of two years from the date of Stage-II approval.
- (xv) Any other condition that the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bangalore / State Government may impose from time to time for protection, improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area and public convenience, shall also be applicable.

6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad is directed to take further necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

M. SAMUEL,
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

Copy to:

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//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER.